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### **Speaker Sprowls Heralds New Bernie McCabe Courthouse Location Announcement**

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (December 16, 2021) — Today Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor) heralded the announcement of the new St. Petersburg location of the Second District Court of Appeal, which will be named after legendary state prosecutor Bernie McCabe. The new courthouse will be located at the Sebring Building at 525 Mirror Lake Drive North.

*"The establishment of the Bernie McCabe Courthouse in Pinellas County is an important step in addressing the unique needs of the Second District," said Speaker Chris Sprowls. "This courthouse will serve as a physical symbol of McCabe's deep legacy of devotion to justice and to Pinellas County. There is no one more deserving of this honor than the late Bernie McCabe – my friend, my mentor, and a stalwart public servant."*

Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) added, *"I appreciate the leadership of Speaker Sprowls as we worked on this important infrastructure project last session. Bernie McCabe was a good man and a pillar of the community. He is remembered for his fairness and integrity over four decades of service, and it is certainly fitting that the new courthouse bear his name. I am pleased to see this important project moving forward."*

*"The Florida Department of Management Services is honored to be a part of designing and building a courthouse that reflects the important work of the Court and the services it provides to Floridians," said Todd Inman, Secretary, Management Services. "The Department is very appreciative of the work that the Florida Legislature accomplished in order to move the Bernie McCabe Courthouse forward."*

Secretary Inman has notified affected state agency leadership, and in the coming months, will work on the movement of employees based on individual agency needs.

Currently the court cases for the Second District are being heard in a classroom in downtown Tampa as the dilapidated courthouse in Lakeland was making its workers sick from mold infestation. During the most recent legislative session, Speaker Sprowls championed a \$50 million investment in the state budget for a new courthouse named for McCabe.

State Prosecutor McCabe for the Sixth Judicial Circuit served the people of Pinellas and Pasco counties on criminal and civil matters for nearly three decades. He prosecuted some of the most dangerous criminals and guided young offenders toward a more productive path by establishing diversion programs. McCabe died on January 1, 2021.

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